Improving the Well-Being of Georgia's Children and Families Through a...

System of Care.
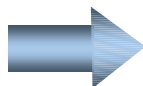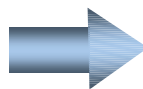
What is System of Care?

System of care (SOC) is a philosophy that builds a framework to incorporate a broad array of services and supports that are arranged into an organized network. These networks focus on the whole needs of the child and family, coordinating prevention, intervention, and treatment services. The system of care approach utilizes important, guiding core values and principles for practice, service delivery, and community engagement, which include:

- Strengths-based, outcome-focused, and family-centered approaches to serving children and families
- Coordination at both the governance and service delivery levels
- Individualized service plans

- Involvement of family and youth as full partners in the SOC process
- Integrated service planning and delivery
- Emphasis on early identification and intervention

Unlike traditional models that monitor programs and provide support as needed, the system of care approach encourages assessment of services; this evaluation helps identify duplicative or unoffered supports to ensure that all community needs are met. Georgia is able to provide effective assistance because networks of collaborative organizations work together to assure the availability of services and programs for all families.

TRADITIONAL MODEL	SYSTEM OF CARE
Reactive, Crisis-Oriented	Coordinated Service Delivery
Provider-Focused Intervention	Child-Focused Intervention
Focus On In Crisis	Focus On Early Intervention
Fragmented Service Delivery	Centralized Activity
Limited Services	Broader Service Array
Matches To Available Services	Matches To Appropriate Services

System of Care

Mental Health
Services

Operational
Services

Safety

Social
Services

Social
Behavior&
Support

Household
Income &
Social Status

Recreational
Services

Child & Family

Educational
Services

Household
Employment

School
Readiness &
Performance

Vocational
Services

Health &
Access to
Health Services

Health
Services

Substance Abuse
Services

GOCF

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Communities So They Can

Unite and Empower Families.

GOCF and its Strategic Framework

In an effort to improve outcomes for Georgia's children and families, GOCF has developed a strategic framework that outlines key measurable results. All communities are requested to build supports and services that focus on the four result areas within the framework, which include Educated, Healthy, Safe and Growing. Once supports are built, GOCF then measures and tracks the results of those efforts using the outcome indicators. After evaluation of the results, communities can then focus on programs that need improvement to ensure that Georgia is providing the best care for its children and families.

EDUCATED	School readiness, attendance, academic achievement, behavior problems, and developmental milestones.
HEALTHY	Developmental screening, immunizations, access to health care, substance use and abuse, and adolescent birth rates.
SAFE	Children and youth at risk for abuse and neglect, improved family relationships, juvenile arrests, and recidivism.
GROWING	Parent employment, youth employment, and family living arrangements.